

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

*Office of the Governor*



**EXECUTIVE ORDER 1445**

**WHEREAS**, outer space is essential to our nation's economy, scientific capabilities, national security, and modern warfare; and

**WHEREAS**, Mississippi has played an important role in space exploration since 1961 with the John C. Stennis Space Center, a NASA rocket engine test facility located in Hancock County; and

**WHEREAS**, research and development in the field of space is constantly evolving; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 19, 2019, the President of the United States declared that the United States must "adapt its national security organizations, policies, doctrine, and capabilities to deter aggression and protect our interests" in space and signed "Space Policy Directive 4"; and

**WHEREAS**, "Space Policy Directive 4" called for the establishment of the United States Space Force; and

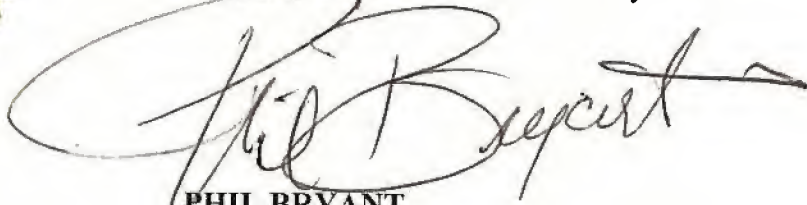
**WHEREAS**, the State of Mississippi and the Mississippi National Guard desire to do what is necessary to ensure that our state is prepared to respond to ever-changing, national security threats and that our Mississippi National Guard members continue to play a critical role in the protection of this country in the 21<sup>st</sup> century:

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Phil Bryant, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Mississippi, do hereby direct Major General Janson D. Boyles, Adjutant General of the Mississippi National Guard, to establish the Mississippi National Guard Space Directorate to build the foundation of a space-related mission within the Mississippi Air National Guard.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

**DONE** in the City of Jackson, on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July in the year of our Lord, two thousand and nineteen, and of the independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-third.

  
**PHIL BRYANT**  
**GOVERNOR**

**BY THE GOVERNOR**



**C. DELBERT HOSEMAN, JR.**  
**SECRETARY OF STATE**